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ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION
For Special Election, March 8, 2005
Must be received no later than March 1, 2005

SOLICITUD PARA BALOTA DE VOTANTE AUSENTE
Elección Especial de 8 de Marzo de 2005
Se debe de recibir la solicitud a mas tardar el 1° de Marzo de 2005

PRINTED NAME / Nombre con Letra de Molde

REGISTERED RESIDENCE ADDRESS (NOT A P.O. BOX) /Domicilio registrado (no apartado postal)
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ADDRESS / Domicilio CITY / Ciudad STATE / Estado ZIP CODE / Zona Postal

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE (DO NOT PRINT) /Firma del solicitante (Favor de no imprimir)

YOUR POLLING PLACE IS
Su lugar de votacion es

PERMANENT ABSENTEE STATUS

Check here if you want to be a Permanent Absentee Voter and receive your official ballot by mail for all elections.

SITUACIÓN PERMANENTE DE VOTO POR CORRESPONDENCIA

Marque aqui si usted desea ser un Votante Permanente de Voto por Correspondencia y quiere recibir su balota oficial por correo para todas las elecciones.

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- Check boxes that apply
Marque las casillas que aplican
- ☐ I am interested in working at the polls
Me interesa trabajar en las urnas
- ☐ I speak Spanish
Yo hablo español

POLLWORKERS NEEDED
SE NECESITAN TRABAJADORES DE URNAS

USE THIS FORM TO REQUEST ELECTION MATERIALS IN SPANISH
USE ESTE FORMULARIO PARA SOLICITAR MATERIAL DE ELECCION EN ESPAÑOL

- Check boxes that apply
Marque las casillas que aplican
- ☐ I prefer election materials in Spanish
Yo prefiero el material de elección en español
- ☐ I find assistance in Spanish at the polls helpful
Yo encuentro útil la asistencia en español en las urnas

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COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
CONDADO DE SAN BERNARDINO

SAMPLE BALLOT AND INFORMATION PAMPHLET
BALOTA EJEMPLAR Y PANFLETO DE INFORMACIÓN

SPECIAL ELECTION
ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL

March 8, 2005
8 de Marzo de 2005

Polls Open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Las urnas abren de 7:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.

See back cover for your POLLING PLACE LOCATION
Vea la parte de atrás para ubicar su LUGAR DE VOTACIÓN

Application for ABSENTEE BALLOT on back cover
En la parte de atrás hay una solicitud de BALOTA POR CORRESPONDENCIA

DONNA MANNING, Interim Registrar of Voters
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San Bernardino, CA 92415-0770
909.387.8300 or 800.881.8683
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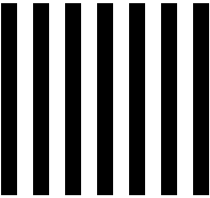
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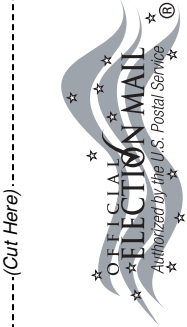
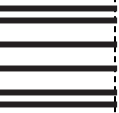


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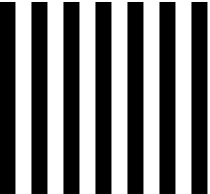
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VOTING THE OPTECH BALLOT
San Bernardino County, California

Note to Voters:

- This ballot contains all measures that will appear on your ballot.
- These are the ballot measures that apply to the precinct where you are registered to vote.
- If you have any questions about voting your ballot, ask your poll worker or call the Registrar of Voters office at (909) 387-8300 or 1-800-881-8683.

Marking Your Ballot ...

Follow these important tips for marking your ballot:

- USE BLUE OR BLACK INK (NOT red) OR A DARK PENCIL.
- Place the ballot on a hard surface, NOT on top of other papers where ink could transfer from the print.
- Mark your choice by drawing one single line to complete the arrow.
- DO NOT make any stray marks anywhere on the ballot.
- If you make a mistake or change your mind on a selection, DO NOT erase or mark out. If you are at the polls, return your spoiled ballot to a poll worker for another ballot. If you are marking your absentee ballot, call (909) 387-8300 for instructions, or send your request in writing for a replacement ballot to 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0770.

CORRECT



Use blue or black ink or a dark pencil to make a single line to connect the arrow

INCORRECT



To VOTE for a measure/question:

Example: To vote "NO"

- USE BLUE OR BLACK INK (NOT red) OR A DARK PENCIL.
- Connect the tail and head of the arrow directly to the right of your desired response to the measure/question. Use one single line to complete the arrow.
- Vote either Yes or No. If you mark both, your vote will not count.

YES

NO



How your ballot is read ...

The selections you mark on the ballot are counted by processing each paper ballot through a high-speed electronic, optical scan machine. The optical scan machine records votes by scanning arrows that have been completed with a line. This is why it is very important to follow the instructions carefully so that you complete the arrows properly. Any extraneous or stray marks you place on the ballot can interfere with the timely processing of your ballot.

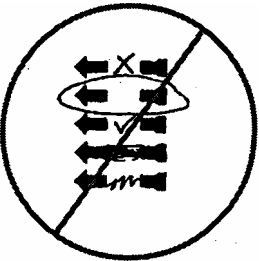
Remember to mark your selections correctly as indicated.

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INCORRECT



MEASURES SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS
MEDIDAS SOMETIDAS A LOS VOTANTES

DISTRICT
DISTRITO

TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT
DISTRITO DEL AGUA DE TWENTYNINE PALMS

To ensure a dependable and reliable revenue source for the Twentynine Palms Fire Department, enabling the staffing of two fire stations for an estimated eight years, shall the annual special tax for funding of fire and emergency medical services be increased from the current \$54.00 per unit to the new amount of \$80.00 per unit, as defined in the unit schedule of Ordinance 89 of the District?

Con el fin de asegurar una fuente de ingresos fiable y digna de confianza para el Departamento de Bomberos de Twentynine Palms, facilitando la dotación de personal para dos estaciones de bomberos por una estimación de ocho años, ¿debería aumentarse el impuesto especial anual para proporcionar fondos a los servicios médicos de emergencia y contra incendios del actual \$54.00 por unidad a la nueva cantidad de \$80.00 por unidad, como está fijado en el cronograma de unidad de la Ordenanza 89 del Distrito?

YES / SI



NO / NO



VOTER'S PAMPHLET

The following pages contain

MEASURE INFORMATION

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF/OR IN
OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED
LAWS ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE
AUTHORS.

Si usted pidió esta información en español, ésta será enviada por separado.

Touch Screen Voting IN 3 EASY STEPS

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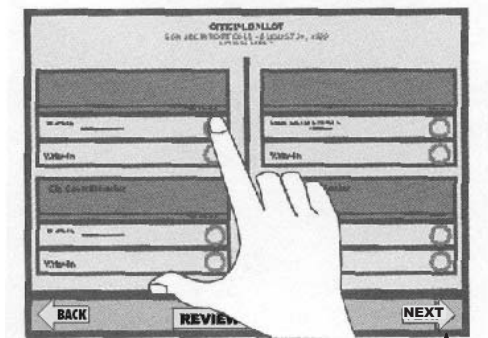


ACTIVATE THE MACHINE by inserting the Activation Card into the yellow slot on the lower left-hand side of the machine.

Step 2. Select

MAKE YOUR SELECTION by touching the circle ☐ to the right of the measure of your choice.

A green checkmark will appear in the circle ☒. Repeat this process until you have selected the measures of your choice. If you make a mistake or change your mind, simply touch the checkmark. It will disappear and you can make a new choice.



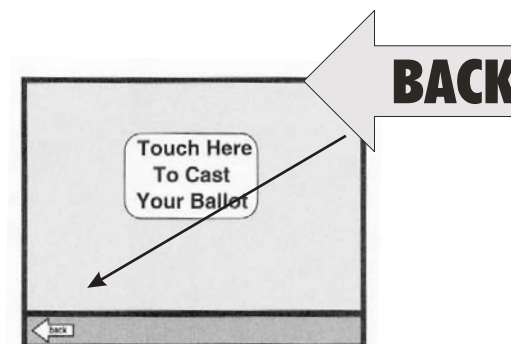
To **“REVIEW”** your selection(s) at any time prior to casting your vote, simply touch “REVIEW” at the bottom center of the screen.

REVIEW

WHEN YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH YOUR SELECTIONS touch the “NEXT” arrow in the lower right corner of the screen.

NEXT

Step 3. Cast Your Ballot



BACK

On the last screen, you can again review your selection before casting your ballot by touching the “BACK” arrow in the lower left corner of the screen.

To cast your ballot, touch the yellow square in the middle of the screen. **You cannot change your mind after the ballot is cast.**

INFORMATION FOR
ABSENTEE VOTERS



VOTE BY MAIL IN EVERY ELECTION – PERMANENTLY

Any voter may now apply for permanent absentee voter status and receive an absentee ballot in the mail for every election.

What does it mean to become a permanent absentee voter?

Permanent absentee voters automatically receive their ballots by mail within the 29 days preceding any election in which they are eligible to vote.

How do I apply for permanent absentee voter status?

Fill out the application on the back cover of this sample ballot and check the box that asks if you want to become a permanent absentee voter.

Must I reapply for an absentee ballot once I am a permanent absentee voter?

No. However, if you do not return your ballot for a Primary or General Election, you will lose your permanent absentee voter status and must then reapply.

Can I change my mind and vote at the polls after I receive my ballot?

Yes. Even if you receive an absentee ballot and later decide to vote at the polls, just turn in your absentee ballot envelope with the unvoted ballot inside and vote a regular ballot at the polls. If you lose your absentee ballot and want to vote at the polls, you may request a provisional ballot from the Pollworker.

When must I return my voted ballot?

You must return your ballot to the Registrar of Voters or to any polling place in San Bernardino County by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. However, if you are ill or disabled, you may authorize your spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister or a person residing in your household to return your ballot. The person returning your ballot must print his or her name and sign in the space provided on the absentee return envelope.

If you have questions about absentee voting, please call the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters at (909) 387-8300 or (800) 881-8683.



MEASURE “J”

ORDINANCE NO. 89

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING AND SETTING A SPECIAL TAX FOR
FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES INCLUDING
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Twentynine Palms Water District is a County Water District formed and operating under the County Water District Law set forth in Section 30000 et seq. of the Water Code and has the authority to provide fire protection services, including emergency medical services under Water Code Section 31120; and

WHEREAS, the District may, by ordinance, determine and propose for adoption a special tax for fire protection and prevention. Such a proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the District, and shall take effect upon approval of a two-thirds of the voters voting upon such proposition. (Article XIIIIC, Section 2; Government Code Sections 50075 et seq., 53970 et seq., 53722, 53724 and 53739) The ordinance proposing such a special tax must be approved by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Board. (Government Code Section 53724)

WHEREAS, the amount of the special tax currently imposed within the District prior to the effective date of this Ordinance has been \$54.00 per unit per year. Said amount was established by voter approval of Ordinance 75 in June 1997. At that time, the District contemplated that the rate of \$54.00 would only remain in effect for a 5-year period. However, said rate has remained in effect up to the present time. Although the rate has remained the same, the costs and expenses incurred by the District for the provision of fire protection services have increased substantially. For example, the District’s fire/medical aid call volume has increased 51% from 1997 to 2004. To meet the increased demand for service, the District added full-time staffing to a second fire station in February 2002. Due to a lack of increased revenue, the District was forced to remove the full-time staffing from the second fire station in March 2004 to balance the budget.

WHEREAS, as a result of the substantial increases in the costs and expenses incurred by the District for the provision of fire protection services, including emergency medical services, and the District’s desire to provide full-time staffing at the second fire station, the District desires to adopt this Ordinance No. 89 in order to determine and propose for adoption a special tax for fire protection and prevention and to submit said proposition to the voters of the District for their approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Directors of the Twentynine Palms Water District as follows:

1. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this Ordinance.

2. The Board hereby determines and proposes for adoption a special tax for fire protection and fire prevention, including emergency medical services, with the ballot measure to read as follows:

“To ensure a dependable and reliable revenue source for the Twentynine Palms Fire Department, enabling the staffing of two fire stations for an estimated eight years, shall the annual special tax for funding of fire and emergency medical services be increased from the current \$54.00 per unit to the new amount of \$80.00 per unit, as defined in the unit schedule of Ordinance 89 of the District?”

3. The special tax, if voter approved, shall be collected from all taxable property within the District pursuant to a written report which shall contain a description of each lot or parcel of property subject to the special tax, the amount of the special tax for each lot or parcel for each fiscal year, and the basis and schedule for the special tax authorized herein.

4. The annual special tax shall be and is fixed at \$80.00 for each unit as per the unit schedule set forth herein.

5. The unit schedule is hereby established as follows:

A. BASIC TAX AMOUNT

<u>Description</u>		<u>Number of Units</u>
<u>Commercial and Industrial</u> (Building Size in Square Footage)		

From	To	
0	3,000	1.0
3,001	6,000	2.0
6,001	9,000	3.0
9,001	12,000	4.0

One (1) unit per each additional 3,000 square foot or portion thereof, OR
One (1) unit per Business/Occupancy, whichever is greater.

Motel, Hotel and Institutional (Each Rental or Living Unit)	0.25
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Residential

Single Family Residential Dwelling (Each Dwelling)	1.0
Duplex, Triplex and Apartment Complex (Each Living Unit)	1.0

Mobile Home Park (Each Living Unit physically located within the Park on June 1 st of each year)	1.0
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Recreational Vehicle Park (Each Space) (Less 30% seasonal vacancy factor)	1.0
<u>Unimproved Parcels</u> (Each Parcel)	0.60

B. LARGE PARCEL AMOUNT

All parcels (improved or unimproved) greater than 5.0 acres shall be taxed an additional amount of \$2.00 per acre for each acre, or portion thereof, in excess of 5.0 acres. The Large Parcel Amount shall not exceed the amount of \$150.00 per parcel per fiscal year and shall be in addition to the Basic Tax Amount imposed upon any parcel greater than 5.0 acres.

6. The special tax shall be imposed upon any parcel, improvement and use of property to which fire protection and prevention service are made available, as specified in the written report, unless otherwise exempted.

7. The special tax shall be imposed only for the purpose of obtaining, furnishing, operating and maintaining fire suppression equipment or apparatus; for the purpose of hiring and paying salaries and benefits to fire fighting personnel; and for other necessary fire protection and prevention expenses, and for emergency medical services as permitted by law.

8. The special tax shall be collected on behalf of the District by the County of San Bernardino in the same manner and subject to the same penalties as, or with, other charges and taxes fixed and collected by the District, or by the County on behalf of the District.

9. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and, to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

10. To the fullest extent permitted by law, this Ordinance and its special tax authorization and authority shall be binding upon any successors in interest to the District or any successors in interest to the District's fire protection and prevention functions, including emergency medical service functions.

11. Special tax monies raised pursuant to this Ordinance are exempt from environmental analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080 (b)(8) since the proceeds of the special tax will be used for: (a) meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits; (b) purchasing or leasing supplies, equipment or materials; (c) meeting applicable financial reserve needs and requirements; and (d) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas.

12. This Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Board held on September 8, 2004. Public hearings were held on September 30, 2004 and October 5, 2004, the notice of which was published in the Desert Trail on September 16 and 23, 2004.

13. This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption. Within ten (10) days from the date of adoption, this Ordinance shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of October 2004 by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Directors Anthony, Carter, Cisneros, Moore and Yockey
NOES: None

**MEASURE “J”
IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY DISTRICT COUNSEL**

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Twentynine Palms Water District (“District”), acting in its capacity as the Governing Body of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department, has adopted an ordinance proposing an increase of a special tax, and called this election to authorize such increase. The tax will be used only for the purpose of obtaining, furnishing, operating and maintaining fire suppression equipment or apparatus; for the purpose of hiring and paying salaries and benefits to fire fighting personnel; for other necessary fire protection and prevention expenses; and for emergency medical services as permitted by law.

The amount of tax currently imposed for fire protection and prevention expenses, including emergency medical services, within the District is \$54.00 per unit per year. If approved, Measure J would increase this tax to \$80.00 per unit per year. The special tax will be levied on any parcel, improvement and use of property to which fire protection and prevention service are made available. The tax will be imposed per the benefit unit table set forth in the ordinance.

If two-thirds of the votes cast within the District are YES on the measure, it will be approved.

If less than two-thirds of the votes cast within the district are YES on the measure, the District will not be allowed to impose the special tax.

This measure will not have any effect on existing law.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE “J”

The future belongs to those who plan for it!

Measure J is a solid, viable, and economical plan for the future of the City of 29 Palms and its sister community of Desert Heights when it comes to public safety.

Measure J will enable 29 Palms to have two fully staffed Fire Stations – the Adobe Road Station and the Lear Avenue Station thereby allowing the handling of multiple emergency calls, on opposite ends of the community, simultaneously – a critical safety element that the community now does not possess.

The 21st Century has changed the meaning of fire protection. Today’s Firefighters are highly trained professionals. They are capable of putting out brush fires, extinguishing multi-level structure fires, handling hazardous waste spills, and performing emergency extrications from crushed vehicles at traffic collision scenes, as well as performing critical life saving medical aid. This expertise does not come free, nor does it come from an all-volunteer force.

With the increase in housing and development that is occurring in 29 Palms, the Fire Department cannot adequately ensure the public safety with only the Adobe Road Station being staffed.

The tax increase Measure J proposes will cost the average homeowner less than the price of a bag of potato chips once a month - a meager two dollars and sixteen cents.

Measure J shall ensure that the Public Safety of 29 Palms, as well as your own safety, is met until 2013 before another tax increase would have to be considered.

Vote “YES” on Measure J!

s/ Stephen Spear
City of 29 Palms Councilmember/Mayor Pro-Tem

s/ B. D. King
Colonel USMC Retired

s/ Joel A Klink
City of 29 Palms Council Member

s/ Daniel L. Mintz Sr
President of 29 Palms Chamber of Commerce

s/ Robert W. Coghill, Jr.
29 Palms Fire Chief, Retired

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE “J” WAS FILED